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METHOD AND KIT FOR IDENTIFYING VANCOMYCIN-RESISTANT

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PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the final Office Action mailed September 7, 2007, said period of response being extended from October 7, 2007 to November 7, 2007.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0743 in the amount of \$60.00 to cover the required extension fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully Submitted,

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